

Mont Rochelle Little Rock Rouge 2018

Youthful in appearance, this wine displays aromas of stewed red fruits such as mulberries, cassis and sweet plumbs. There are also hints of Blackcurrant and mocha spice that follow. The palate is soft and well-rounded with generous velvety tannins, whilst also being fresh, complex, and well structured.

variety : Cabernet Sauvignon | 79% Cabernet Sauvignon, 13% Syrah, 8% Petit Verdot

winery : Mont Rochelle Mountain Vineyards

winemaker : Dustin Osborne

wine of origin : Franschhoek

analysis : alc : 15 % vol rs : 1.94 g/l pH : 3.69 ta : 5.65 g/l va : 0.55 g/l

type : Red **style :** Dry **taste :** Fruity **wooded**

pack : Bottle **size :** 750ml **closure :** Cork

Our Little Rock Rouge 2018 is a blended wine of mostly Cabernet Sauvignon and Syrah with dollops of Petit Verdot all lending a helping hand to the final blend. This wine strikes a perfect balance between easy-drinking and complexity showing a balanced fruit profile and a smooth, soft palate. We create this wine to be enjoyed for all occasions!

in the vineyard :

The 2018 harvest season was really challenging, due to a prolonged drought which some believe to be the worst in 100 years and accompanied by water restrictions and frost damage in some areas, " Winter arrived late, but was cold enough to break dormancy. Day temperatures were notably warmer and night temperatures colder than usual due to the dry conditions. Bud burst started later due to cooler weather extending into August and September. Uneven flowering and berry set was common due to windy conditions, cold periods and precipitation. The dry weather throughout the season did have its advantages as vines were healthy, with little or no pests and diseases being recorded. The number of grape bunches looked promising at first, but the berries were much smaller than usual, which affected the total tonnage. "Smaller berries usually have good colour and flavour intensity and this, along with cooler weather during harvest time relieved some pressure on vines and bode well for quality. Harvest time kicked off seven to 14 days later than usual, and much later than usual. Most cultivars were harvested in their common order, which meant that cellar space wasn't under pressure.

Region: Franschhoek

Vine age: 13-22 years

Vines per Ha: 4,000

Altitude: 200-450m

about the harvest: The grapes were hand harvested

in the cellar : Each of the cultivars in the blend was vinified separately with blending occurring after 8 months of barrel ageing. Fermentation at 26 degrees Celsius with gradual tannin extraction resulted in a soft tannin profile. The blend consists of 79% Cabernet Sauvignon, 13% Syrah and 8% Petit Verdot.



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